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FY 2004 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN
FOR ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Assateague Island National Seashore Park Superintendent Michael O. Hill announced that the park's annual performance plan and documents providing details about the appropriated budget and fee revenues for FY 2004 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998."

Highlights of the park's budget, which funds specific goals in the annual performance plan, include:

\$1,747,924 for resource preservation and management including managing the island's horse herd, tracking yearly piping plover nesting and hatching, monitoring both water quality and the movement of the island's shifting sands.

\$1,738,938 to address visitor services including an active environmental education program reaching over 7,747 students, visitor programs for over two million visitors, staffing visitor centers, campground operations, visitor protection and lifeguard operations.

\$2,081,296 for facility operations and maintenance used to maintain roads and trails, campgrounds, bathhouses and visitor use facilities.

\$230,154 for park administration, which includes the salaries of the park superintendent and direct administrative support to the superintendent's office.

A copy of Assateague's complete annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the "Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)," is available by writing to: Superintendent, Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD. 21811 or on the Internet at www.nps.gov/asis.

The goals described in the park's annual performance plan are derived from the 1997 NPS Strategic Plan, which establishes a performance management process for the Service and incorporates the requirements of GPRA. The Strategic Plan is available on the NPS home page at www.nps.gov

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